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For: UPRIGHT EXTRACTION CLEANING MACHINE  
Reissue Application for U.S. Patent No. 6,286,181  
Atty. Docket: 71189-1484

Commissioner for Patents  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Sir:

**DECLARATION**

I, Eric C. Huffman, residing at 995 Flat River Drive, Lowell, Michigan 49331, agree that I am not an actual inventor of the above-identified patent. My inclusion as an inventor in the patent occurred through error without deceptive intention on my part.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 6/16/03

  
Eric C. Huffman

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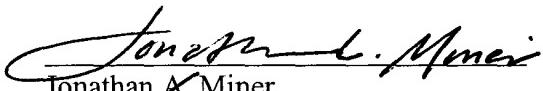
Sir:

**DECLARATION**

I, Jonathan A. Miner, residing at 50 S. Lincoln Street, Rockford, Michigan 49341, agree  
that I am not an actual inventor of the above-identified patent. My inclusion as an inventor in the  
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Date: June 16, 2003

  
Jonathan A. Miner  
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Sir:

**DECLARATION**

I, Kenneth M. Lenkiewicz, residing at 3501 Auburn, N.E., Grand Rapids, Michigan 49505, agree that I am not an actual inventor of the above-identified patent. My inclusion as an inventor in the patent occurred through error without deceptive intention on my part.

Respectfully submitted,

Date: 6-16-03

Kenneth M. Lenkiewicz  
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Sir:

**DECLARATION**

I, Luke E. Kelly, residing at 4059 Ponca, S.W., Grandville, Michigan 49518, agree that I am not an actual inventor of the above-identified patent. My inclusion as an inventor in the patent occurred through error without deceptive intention on my part.

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Luke E. Kelly

Date: 13 JUNE 03

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## REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR

Docket Number (Optional)  
71189-1484

As a below named inventor, I hereby declare that:

My residence, mailing address and citizenship are stated below next to my name.

I believe I am the original, first and sole inventor (if only one name is listed below) or an original, first and joint inventor (if plural names are listed below) of the subject matter which is described and claimed in patent number 6.286.181, granted September 11, 2001, and for which a reissue patent is sought on the invention entitled UPRIGHT EXTRACTION CLEANING MACHINE

the specification of which

is attached hereto.

was filed on \_\_\_\_\_ as reissue application number \_\_\_\_\_ /  
and was amended on \_\_\_\_\_.  
(If applicable)

I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56.

I verily believe the original patent to be wholly or partly inoperative or invalid, for the reasons described below. (Check all boxes that apply.)

by reason of a defective specification or drawing.

by reason of the patentee claiming more or less than he had the right to claim in the patent.

by reason of other errors.

At least one error upon which reissue is based is described below. If the reissue is a broadening reissue, such must be stated with an explanation as to the nature of the broadening:

Please see the attached page containing explaining as to the nature of the broadening.

The patent lists Gary A. Kasper, Jonathan A. Miner, Timothy E. Kasen, Kenneth M. Lenkiewicz, Eric C. Huffman and Luke E. Kelly as inventors. It has been discovered only recently that Gary A. Kasper and Timothy E. Kasen are the only inventors in the above patent. The other listed inventors were listed without deceptive intention as shown by the enclosed Declaration of each of the inventors who were listed through error in the original application.

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## (REISSUE APPLICATION DECLARATION BY THE INVENTOR, page 2)

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All errors corrected in this reissue application arose without any deceptive intention on the part of the applicant. As a named inventor, I hereby appoint the following attorney(s) and/or agent(s) to prosecute this application and transact all business in the United States Patent and Trademark Office connected therewith.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine and imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001, and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application, any patent issuing thereon, or any patent to which this declaration is directed.

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Inventor's signature Date

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 Additional joint inventors are named on separately numbered sheets attached hereto.

**STATEMENT UNDER 37 CFR 3.73(b)**Applicant/Patent Owner: BISSELL Homecare, Inc.Application No./Patent No.: 6,286,181 Filed/Issue Date: September 11, 2001Entitled: UPRIGHT EXTRACTION CLEANING MACHINEBISSELL Homecare, Inc., a corporation

(Name of Assignee)

(Type of Assignee, e.g., corporation, partnership, university, government agency, etc.)

states that it is:

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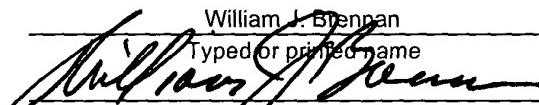
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Date

William J. Brennan

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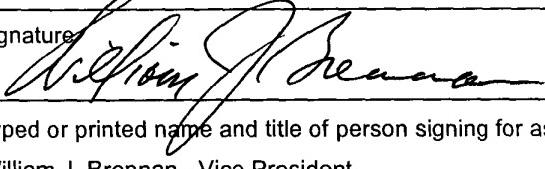


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<b>REISSUE APPLICATION: CONSENT OF ASSIGNEE; STATEMENT OF NON-ASSIGNMENT</b>		Docket Number (Optional)  71189-1484
This is part of the application for a reissue patent based on the original patent identified below.		
Name of Patentee(s) BISSELL Homecare, Inc.		
Patent Number 6,286,181	Date Patent Issued September 11, 2001	
Title of Invention UPRIGHT EXTRACTION CLEANING MACHINE		
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Filed herein is a statement under 37 CFR 3.73(b). (Form PTO/SB/96)</li> <li>2. <input type="checkbox"/> Ownership of the patent is in the inventor(s), and no assignment of the patent is in effect.</li> </ol>		
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<p>The assignee(s) owning an undivided interest in said original patent is/are <u>BISSELL Homecare, Inc.</u>, and the assignee(s) consents to the accompanying application for reissue.</p>		
<p>Name of assignee/inventor (if not assigned) BISSELL Homecare, Inc.</p>		
Signature 	Date 6/16/2003	
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